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## SkillsUSA National Signing Day Celebrates High School Students Entering the Trades

SkillsUSA National Signing Day on May 8 celebrated thousands of high school seniors who intend to pursue a career in the skilled trades. The event was modeled on signing day events for student athletes who commit to colleges that recruited them to play sports. The trades version was the first national signing day of its kind, and events were held at SkillsUSA chapter high schools nationwide.

Each student who participated announced their career plans and signed their “letter of intent” for a job offer, apprenticeship or advanced technical training. Supporting the students at Silicon Valley Career Technical Education in San Jose were National Signing Day spokesperson and NFL quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo and his father, Tony Garoppolo, a retired electrician. Tony completed a four-year apprenticeship and graduated as a journeyman wireman in 1982 from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local #134 in Chicago.



Above: Students at Silicon Valley Career Technical Education sign their letters of intent.

Right: DAS consultant Andrew Lee (left) and retired annuitant Esther Gamberutti (center) pose with Jimmy Garoppolo and his father, Tony Garoppolo.

To learn more about SkillsUSA National Signing Day and the event in San Jose read the [press release](#) from Klein Tools, the event sponsor.

